



How Can I Capture My Experiences in a Story, Poem or Drawing?

Choose one of the following activities. Use extra paper to complete your work.

1. Create a Haiku

Haiku: A three-line, nonrhyming poem originating in Japan, based on syllables.

Line 1: Five syllables
Line 2: Seven syllables
Line 3: Five syllables

2. Create a Diamante

Diamante: This-five line poem is displayed in the shape of a diamond.

Line 1: noun
Line 2: adjective adjective
Line 3: participle participle participle participle
Line 4: noun noun noun noun
Line 5: noun

3. Freestyle Poem

A poem can rhyme or not rhyme. It can be many words or few. The only limitation is your imagination!

4. Create an Outline-Creation

Draw the outline of an elephant seal in pencil. Use the outline as a guide to write your words on or use the outline as a guide to write your words in. Use words or sentences that describe its characteristics.

Hint: if you draw in pencil and write in pen, you can carefully erase the pencil when the ink dries.

5. Create a Comic Strip

Think about the different events that took place while you were visiting the elephant seal colony. Create a comic strip depicting one of these events. Don't forget to give your comic strip a title.

6. Create a Story

Write a short story from the view point of an elephant seal, describing your experiences at the overlook colony. What is it like to be at Point Reyes National Seashore? How was your journey this year out at sea? Have you been in any battles? What do you think of all the people who come to visit?

7. Create an Essay

What would be missing from your life if elephant seals had gone extinct and you never had the chance to see them?